

Capsule Summary
SM-653
Ridge Knights of Columbus
Ridge
Private

c. 1925

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme:

Architecture
Religion
Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type

Category:

Building

Historic Environment:

Rural Crossroads

Historic Function and Use:

Meeting Hall

Known Design Source:

None

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. SM-653

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ridge Knights of Columbus

2. Location

street & number N corner of Maryland Routes 5 and 235 not for publication

city, town Ridge vicinity of congressional district 1

state Md county St. Mary's TM-71, G-7, P-33

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name St. Michael's Council Club

street & number General Delivery telephone no.:

city, town Ridge state and zip code Md 20680

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber 36

street & number folio 143

city, town Leonardtown state Md

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Ridge Knights of Columbus hall stands prominently overlooking the intersection of Maryland Routes 5 and 235 in Ridge, Maryland. Oriented on a north/south axis, the hall is located on the north corner of the intersection of this rural crossroads community. A large parking lot encircles the building thus linking the intersecting roads. These roads ring three sides of the 1 acre tract with the fourth side bounded by an auto repair shop.

The Ridge Knights of Columbus hall is a large, one story, axial plan, frame building with a series of rear additions. Initially constructed in 1925, the building was erected using many of the most modern building methods. The foundation, for instance, consisted of poured concrete and then the circular sawn frame was presumably sheathed with wood clapboard. This clapboard has since been replaced by vinyl siding. The wall and roof intersect at a box cornice and the roof is covered with raised-seam metal. A one story, frame wing ringed by a flat roofed cinder block skirt extends from the main block's north wall. This wing has been further expanded by a frame addition that is situated on the west side.

The gable front primary or south elevation is pierced by a recessed metal door. Frame extensions, added subsequent to the building's constructed, flank the doorway. A large louvered vent lies near the apex of the roof.

The east elevation consists of the main block and the side of the masonry skirt. The main block does not feature any openings. A series of non-structural vertical columns protrude from the wall surface. Immediately in front of the masonry skirt is a handicapped access ramp that leads to a pair of metal doors.

The north elevation consists of the main block's gable end, the rear of the wing, and a side of the masonry skirt. The main block features a louvered vent near the apex of the roof, but like the rear of the wing, is otherwise unfenestrated. The masonry skirt is pierced by three small casement-like windows that lie near the eaves and a door.

The west elevation consists of the main block and the gable end of an addition that is perpendicular to the rear wing. The main block is unfenestrated, but like the east elevation features two non-structural columns that extend up the wall. The addition does not have any openings.

The interior consists of a large open space for meetings, dances, and other occasions, while the rear of the building largely consists of bathrooms and a fully equipped kitchen for food service.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Significance 8.0.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Point Lookout

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed description.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber CBG 36, Folio 143

Grantee: St. Michael's Council Club

Grantor: Patrick O'Boyle

Date: March 11, 1952

Notes: The tract contains a total of 1.982 acres. A plat drawn on September 29, 1951 was also mentioned. It appears that the parent tract once contained a total of 30 acres (see below).

Reference: Liber JMM 2, Folio 69

Grantee: St. Michael's Building Association

Grantor: Michael J. Curly, Archbishop of Baltimore

Date: October 23, 1923

Reference: Liber EBA 18, Folio 110

Grantee: James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore

Grantor: Charles and Mary J. Wood

Date: April 17, 1919

Notes: The tract contains a total of 30 acres and is called "Tall Pines."

Reference: Liber EBA 18, Folio 110

Grantee: Charles and Mary J. Wood

Grantor: Samuel and Louisa C. Mumford

Date: March 17, 1919

Notes: No previous deed is mentioned.







